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RELAXATION IN LABOUR LAWS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the main hurdle in the construction of roads in the country is old labour laws and legal hindrances;

(b) if so, whether it is being contemplated to relax these laws for speedy construction of roads in the country in public interest; and

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (d): Review/updation of labour laws is an ongoing process in order to bring them in tune with the prevailing situation and emerging needs of the economy. Taking into consideration the requirement of productivity, efficiency, competitiveness, employment generation and economic reforms, a need has been felt to make amendments in certain labour laws including those applicable to the road construction and steps initiated accordingly. The Government has also set up the Second National Commission on Labour with a view to suggest rationalisation of existing laws relating to labour in the organised sector and to suggest an umbrella legislation for ensuring a minimum level of protection to the workers in the unorganised sector.